



The Kingfisher

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Hello Neighbours!

Here we are again with spring around the corner, witch hazel in full bloom, bulbs starting to show under the last snowfall, and before we know it the bears and their cubs will be out and about. Another season in the valley come and gone.. time to update you on the ongoing issues in the neighbourhood, as well as new items.

Photography Contest

We are excited to be partnering with Maple Ridge News and Wildplay Element Parks to hold a photography contest, "A Year in the Life of Alouette Valley" .



The purpose of the contest is to highlight and promote the amazing variety of wildlife, habitat and recreational opportunities in our neighbourhood, and to promote sustainable businesses in the area. Full details can be seen here [Look for some great prizes to be donated by local businesses and residents.](#)

"A Year In The Life" – Photography Contest

Traffic Calming & Recreational Roadway Proposal

Somebody at district hall is listening. District engineering staff have been measuring the streets and we understand that they will use these measurement to determine if our proposal is feasible. We are encouraged but it is now even more important that we keep the pressure on the district to implement the proposal. In a recent meeting with district staff (traffic calming department) we were told that 132nd Avenue is considered to be an arterial road. Fact is, if we don't accomplish our Roadway objectives, there is little that they can do to calm the area because of this designation. We can expect a lot more traffic and further erosion of the livability of our neighborhood. (cont. p2)

Hydrology Study

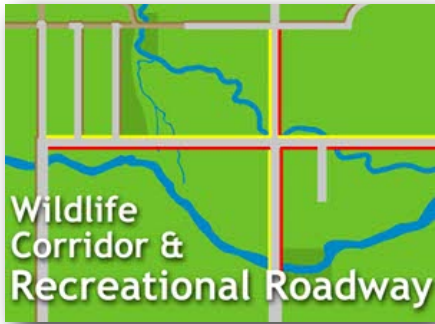
In January, Dian and Rosemary were invited to attend a meeting of the reconvened Alouette Rivers Management Task Force to review preliminary results and a presentation by Northwest Hydraulics. Final reporting and presentation to council will not occur until June.

- ♦ Dian reminded Andrew that AVA has been told that many tasks (dredging at the 224th St Bridge in particular) are contingent on this study, and what would the next steps be in regard to that.
- ♦ The District is expected to finalize the report in March
- ♦ Ken Stewart suggested an update meeting in March Rosemary & Dian will nag Andrew to make sure it happens.

There is progress being made but we are not happy that it is taking so long. Given that council will not see the final report until June, it seems unlikely that much if any mitigation will happen this year. We are particularly concerned that the problematic constriction in the 2 bridges (Edge and 224th) will not be addressed.

Thanks to Dian, Rosemary and Ken for keeping up the pressure

Traffic Calming & Recreational Roadway Proposal (cont.)



Nona, Bruce and Terri attended a meeting on April 4th with Richard Wong of the Engineering Department, and Bruce McLeod of Parks and Leisure Services. We were given large maps of the roadway showing property lines and road allowances, and they agreed to join us for a “walk about “ to see where it would be possible to accommodate a multi-use pathway along existing road allowances. We

will be out shortly for our own “walk about” to prepare for the district. If you see us out front, please join us, or give us your opinions and creative ideas. We stressed to municipal staff that esthetics are a big part of this project, we need to ensure the country ambience is preserved and enhanced.

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North Alouette Greenway Bridge Crossing

Construction of the new bridge is well underway. If you haven't seen it yet, it is well worth the walk to do so. City staff assure us that the temporary crossing and roadway put in to transport equipment to the far side of the river will be removed as soon as possible and the site restored to a natural state. We need to keep pushing for safe pedestrian/equestrian/cycle access along 132 so that those of us in the valley and south can enjoy the dykes as easily as residents of Silver Valley.



Loose Dogs Worry Deer

One of our neighbors reported that a deer was found dead after being pursued by 2 loose dogs. They also reported that they have seen this happen more than once.

As loose dogs are a rarity these days, we are hopeful that this will not be a regular occurrence. The incident does however serve as a grim reminder that our beloved companions are predators first and as responsible owners we need to ensure both wildlife and our pets are safe

Neighbor with the sad task of removing the deer.

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